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## EDITORIAL

### *The Perkinson Era: What To Expect?*

The title of this editorial, the last (for certain) of the year, is the same one we ran over the first editorial of the year in November, 1975. We do so because, to be frank, the first year of the Perkinson Era in retrospect leaves more questions to be answered, about directions than it did in its beginnings nine months ago.

The exodus of personnel this spring, whether by personal or professional choice, is truly astounding. The Dean of the College, the Assistant Dean, the Dean of Students, the Business Manager, the Director of Alumni Affairs and Public Relations, the Director of Church Relations, the Director of Financial Aid and several faculty members are leaving en masse.

The message in these departures is that St. Andrews in the future will be radically different than the St. Andrews of the present or the immediate past. That the students of St. Andrews will have a voice in the future direction of their college will depend on how assertively they press for a role in the decision making. We wonder, though, from whence the kind of questioning students the times call for will come. The new era is but a pale shadow of the old one. With only two students reelected and on inexperienced leadership, they will have their work cut out for them this fall. So will the new era, another body in which inexperience predominates.

The next academic year will call for an inquiring and informed student community to ensure that input from this side of the lake is taken seriously. THE LANCE will be doing its part by reporting the news and offering constructive commentary. The rest of it is up to you and your elected leadership.

### *On Dean Doubles' Departure*

The announcement of Dean of Students Malcolm Doubles' resignation last week was a sad message for St. Andrews. Dean Doubles, who will go to Coker College as Academic Dean, will be sorely missed, for in the finest sense of the phrase, he is a gentleman and a scholar. His discourse is always fascinating, peppered with classical allusions and a real wit, and his writings - witness his recent letter to THE LANCE - are models of clarity and reason, exhibiting that too-rare-these-days command of the language that allows one to use to select the most apt currency word that expresses the thought so much better than the more common - and overworked - word most of us would use. We wish him the best in his new post and hope he will rejoin us someday before too long.

## Business Majors Learning

St. Andrews senior Business majors are involved in an exciting way to broaden their classroom learning into practical experience. Under the direction of Dr. James D. J. Holmes, Associate Professor of Business Administration, senior seminar students are participating in a Corporation Simulation Game patterned after the well-known Emory Game. The class, who traveled to Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia in March of this year to participate in an intercollegiate business game, felt that this kind of seminar would be the most beneficial way for them to apply their knowledge of business in their fourth year at St. Andrews.

The class is divided into three "corporations" who have merged into one industry. They must deal with such problems as changing interest rates, fluctuating economy, government intervention to regulate product quality, arrangement of long-term loans and unexpected demands for the issuance of formal prospectuses on bond and stock issues, and then attempt to make their industry profit.

In addition, Dr. Donald G. Paxton and Mr. Steve Bushardt, both of the business department, are taking the roles of union officials with whom the students must negotiate. Most recently the industry's labor contract expired and students had to successfully reallocate budgeting to satisfy the two labor unions.

St. Andrews is one of only six colleges in North Carolina which has such a program open to its students. "The students," says Dr. Holmes, "are extremely receptive to this type of learning through simulation. Also, at the senior level it is important to bridge the gap between text and reality - this is the prime reason for holding the business seminar."

In addition to this program, small businesses in Laurinburg are opening their doors to consultation from the students. Such projects as market research and tax filings have been performed by the students to implement their learning and, in turn, aid the small businesses.

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